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SYSTEM. The SERVICES PROVIDING AND for **CONSUMABLE** GOODS application comprises a 40-page specification, including 17 claims (4 independent) and Abstract and 5 sheets of drawings.

A certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-141017, filed May 12, 2000, will follow in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

A certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2001-131220, filed April 27, 2001, will follow in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently.

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